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SINGSPIRATION PREPARING HYMN #581

CALL TO WORSHIP: L: Children of God, give God glory and praise.
P: Give God the glory due God's name; adore your God in holy attire.
L: The voice of God is over the waters; God's glory thunders over vast waters.
P: The voice of God is mighty and majestic.
P: May God give strength to the people; may God give the people peace.

OPENING HYMN: For the Beauty of the Earth AH 2

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - GREETING OF VISITORS

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 42:1-9
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17

GLORIA: All glory to the Spirit, All hail the great I AM,
All power to our God supreme, whose name is peace and love. Amen.

SERMON: You Are a Covenant Rev. Ragona

HYMN: Arise Your Light Has Come AH 110

Reception of New Members

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
RESPONSE: Hear Our Prayers, O God

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
DOXOLOGY: O God, Our Hope, we praise thee
For thy peaceful Dove.
O God, Our Strength, we thank thee,
For thy gifts of love. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: Jesus Calls Us AH 18

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: O God, find in us those places where we truly repent and receive the confession of our hearts; for we have wounded the innocent, betrayed the just, denied the true, and destroyed the holy. Make our sorrow real, our intentions valiant, and our return steady. Whether we stand firm against the evil in us, or falter and fall again, hold us in the enormous hands of your mercy, and recreate us in the image of your joy; through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, (Here we customarily sing "The Lord's Prayer.)

L: God be with you.
P: And also with you.
L: Lift up your hearts.
P: We lift them up to God.
L: Let us give thanks.
P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy God of power and grace: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the highest.

BREAKING OF BREAD/BLESSING OF THE CUP

Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING - Vs. 1 Only #10

CLOSING HYMN: Send the Light #229

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BOARD/CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: An irregular congregational meeting will be held immediately following the morning service for the purpose of expanding the Board of Directors to 7. We are in need of a Clerk and because of illness, etc., need an additional member of the Board. Please attend and vote.

POTLUCK SUPPER: January 21st. Theme "Soul Food".

SPECIAL SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY: We will be honoring the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King with a special service next Sunday. Since MCC is a church in the liberation theology tradition, we need to honor the root of that tradition in the Black Church. If our Black brothers and sisters had not led the way, we would not have had a path to follow. Let us share in the music of liberation and the prophetic voice of Dr. King.

TROY PERRY, Founder of MCC, will be preaching at MCC New Orleans on January 18th. Many of us will be making a trip to hear him. If you wish to go, please see Pat. We expect to leave at 12 noon but could be convinced to leave later. Service is at 7.

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SINGSPIRATION Preparing Hymn:KumBahYah

CALL TO WORSHIP: L: We waited patiently for God to help us. God listened and heard our cry.
P: God lifted us out of the pit of despair, out from the bog and mire, and set our feet on a hard, firm path. God steadied us as we walked along.
L: We have been given a new song to sing; let us praise our God.
P: We have told everyone the Good News that the sins of all people are forgiven. We have not kept this Good News hidden in our hearts, but we proclaim your lovingkindness and truth to all people.
TOG: O God, our only hope is in your love and faithfulness.

OPENING HYMN: Lift Every Voice and Sing AH 26

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS-GREETING OF VISITORS

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE

GLORIA
SERMON: A Return to the Mountain MR. STEVE URIE
Student Clergy

HYMN: Stand By Me AH 25

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
RESPONSE: Hear Our Prayer, O God
-- SPECIAL MUSIC --
WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
DOXOLOGY: O God,Our Hope, we praise thee
For thy peaceful Dove.
O God, our Strength, we thank thee
For thy gifts of love. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: Were You There #561

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: O God, with what words can we come to you, when we have set ourselves against you. Can you pity our vanity? Can you be patinet with us when we are lukewarm? Can you forgive us when we are afraid to dream dreams and see visions? Can you love us as we are? Forgive us when we feel that one part of your creation is greater than another. Stop us from the madness that sees what is in the mirror as your only creation, and forgets that you have made both flowers and people in many colors and many kinds. Teach us to love your infinite variety as we love ourselves. Heal us of self-centeredness and broaden our vision to include all of your creation. In thename of Jesus, who taught us to pray...(Here we customarily sing the Lord's Prayer).

L: God be with you.
P: And also with you.
L: Lift up your hearts.
P: We lift them up to God.
L: Let us give thanks.
P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy God of power and grace: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the highest.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD/THE BLESSING OF THE CUP

Christ has died. Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING (Verse 1 Only) #10

CLOSING HYMN: We Shall Overcome AH 25

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TODAY IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. We in MCC honor the debt we owe Dr. King for his example of peaceful protest against oppression, and in his honor present this tribute to the music and message of the Blach church.

NEW DEACONS: Larry Hauffe and J.D. Richards were added to the diaconate at last week's Board meeting. Next Sunday we will dedicate the Deacons and Student Clergy to their tasks.

BOARD MEMBERS: Bena Diggs and Pat Brown were added to the Board, Pat Brown as Clerk.

SATURDAY 's POT LUCK. Theme "Soul Food". This is your opportunity to demonstrate your cooking ability for good cooking in the Black tradition. Greens and ham seasoning, corn bread, fried chicken, etc. are some suggestions.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

SINGSPIRATION

CALL TO WORSHIP: (In unison) Blessed be God, who alone does wondrous deeds, and blessed be God's glorious name. May the whole earth be filled with God's glory.

OPENING HYMN: O Worship Our God # 1

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE

SERMON: Mr. Steve Urie
Student Clergy

HYMN: Blessed Assurance AH 4

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE: Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

RESPONSE: We give thee but thine own
Whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O God, from thee. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: My Jesus, I Love Thee AH 12

Prayer of Confession: (From the Morning Worship)

BREAKING OF BREAD/BLESSING OF THE CUP

SUNG THANKSGIVING

Now our God is with us let us make thanksgiving
For the joy within us living.
In this holy temple, at this holy table,
Hope and life God will enable.
Now we leave and believe that God will restore us
For the work before us. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Since Jesus Came Into My Heart AH 20

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EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

SINGSPIRATION

CALL TO WORSHIP: Selection 110 P.661

OPENING HYMN: Lift Every Voice AH 26

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE

SERMON: "Gandi, Dr. King, Troy Perry & Us"
Rev. Ragona

HYMN: We Shall Overcome AH 25

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
RESPONSE: Spirit of the Living God
Fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
RESPONSE: We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O God, from thee.

COMMUNION HYMN: Let us Break Bread #184

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: See the Morning Worship

BREAKING OF BREAD/BLESSING OF THE CUP

SUNG THANKSGIVING
Now our God is with us let us make thanksgiving
For the joy within us living.
In this holy temple, at this holy table,
Hope and life God will enable.
Now we leave and believe
That God will restore us for the work
before us. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Every Time I Feel the Spirit AH 20

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Please join us for coffee and conversation after the service.

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Will Ronald Reagan Face an Early Retirement from Angry Gay Vote?

Their numbers nationally are unknown. Some political observers put the figure at over 10 million—others say the total count is even higher.

But one thing is sure: the gay population is increasing and that is translating to jitters and joyous anticipation among political groups who are looking to the faction for their political leanings.

According to Tom Chorlton, executive director of the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs, gays could make all the difference in 1984—if only they get involved and vote.

"Now is the time to get directly involved," said Chorlton in an article published nationally. "Not surprisingly, presidential candidates and party leaders support those who have earned that support through hard work and visibility."

True to form, Chorlton is encouraging interested gays everywhere to check out the local procedure for running as a delegate to the 1984 Democratic Presidential convention and hopefully to influence party policy with regard to specific gay issues.

While some gay leaders openly feel dubious about such involvement, Republican strategists are not taking the threat lightly. Already worried about the low support for President Ronald Reagan among women, blacks, Hispanics, and blue collar workers, these GOP officials feel that the inclusion of gays into the anti-Reagan fold may end up being the straw that breaks the president's back.

Said one political columnist: "If all the people that are sick of Reagan and everything he stands for get out and vote, he'd lose by the biggest landslide in history."

Playing on that same hunch, the Reverend Jesse Jackson has announced plans to form what he calls a "Rainbow Coalition" composed of gays, women, middle and lower-class workers and blacks—all united in the same goal of replacing Reagan in the White House with a Democratic alternative.

Chorlton, who has gone on record as being greatly opposed to what he views as the Reagan administration's blatantly anti-gay views, has advised would-be gay activists to "demand your rights." Noting that the Democratic party has a long-standing commitment to both gay rights and the Equal Rights Amendment, Chorlton continued, "Many of the party leaders and state executive directors will actually be very supportive. Start now to build a long-term working relationship with them."

D-day for the Democratic candidates is fast approaching with the Iowa and New Hampshire presidential contests slated for the last week of February. Some strategists believe that if such candidates as Walter Mondale and John Glenn maintain their leads in the balloting, most of the also-rans will be quickly forced to withdraw from the race.

In that case, the selection of delegates from the remaining state primaries will be even more crucial.

In 1980, the Lesbian and Gay Caucus at the New York Democratic Convention included 77 openly gay delegates. At the same time, the Republican convention voted down its long-standing support of the ERA and courted such openly anti-gay leaders as the Reverend Jerry Falwell.

Chorlton believes the history of the two parties speak for themselves and that 1984 may be the first year that gay strength is felt at the polls. To underline his point, he has announced in a nationally released newsletter that the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs has more than 110 supportive organizations in 46 states and the District of Columbia.

Said Chorlton, "In 1984, the rules are tougher, the candidates far more numerous and the election process is shorter. It will take more determination and hard work than ever before...But, it can and must be done."

The two infamous Bill's at the recent celebration of Wooley's (center)—we ain't saying which one's birthday party—and McKenzie's anniversary for the Roundup.

Volleyball Jocks Coming... This Weekend . . . . . *by George Lombard*

January 6-8 will mark one of the first and largest national gay athletic events to ever be held in New Orleans, as over one hundred gay athletes will be in town to compete in the first annual Gay Mardi Gras Classic Volleyball tournaments, sponsored by the New Orleans Volleyball Association.

The festivities kick off Friday with registration at Menefee's 9-11 p.m. Competition takes place Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at the UNO Health & P.E. Centre (corner of Elysian Fields and Leon C. Simon). Sunday's competition will break at 3 p.m. for a presentation by the New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus, followed by the championship match. The Mississippi River Bottom will be the site of Saturday's Half-Time Party at approximately 11:30 p.m., while Sunday's 8 p.m. Post-Game Show will take place at the Travis Showbar, ending the tournament activities.

Saturday's competition will have the twelve teams divided into two pools of six to engage in round-robin pool playing. The top four teams from each pool will compete in the double-elimination championship bracket, leaving the remaining teams to square off in the consolation bracket—also double-elimination.

Heading the field is New York with three teams entered; the "A" team, commonly known as "The Big Apples," will be a big threat to take the title. Also among the top seeds are Chicago and Champaign. NOVA itself will be fielding three home teams (purple, green and gold), with "New Orleans Purple" (traditionally known as the Hurricanes) also making a stiff challenge at the crown. "I look forward to all three of our teams doing well," says NOVA player-coach George Lombard. "A team from New Orleans has never won a tournament, and I think it is time for us to finally win one. Lately, we've been playing excellent defense and coverage, so what better time and place to execute it than at our own tournament." Dallas, Atlanta, Houston and Austin also have good chances of making the championship bracket. The final championship match is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Sunday, to be immediately followed by the awards presentation. All matches are free and open to the community.

Gay Fest on the Move

On January 26, 1984 at 7:30 p.m. Gay Fest and Pride in the Park shall resume its monthly fundraiser, LAS VEGAS NIGHT. The November and December Las Vegas Nights were cancelled due to the holidays. On January 26th Parents and Friends of Gays will also take part in the function. So bring your parents and/or friends to this fun time event!

Pino's and the Cuckoo's Nest have given support to GAY FEST in 1984. We thank them and hope other businesses and clubs will take an interest in GAY FEST as well. Your support is vital at this time. Let us know how we can make GAY FEST more appealing for YOU! Letters have been written to businesses such as The Blue Odyssey, Gregory's, The Corner Pocket, The Phoenix, Cafe Lafitte in Exile, The Refuge, The Pub/Parade Disco, The Galley House, Sammy's Back Door and many others. If you frequent any of these businesses, mention Gay Fest to the manager (or bartender) and let him know you are interested in it! We need your help to put GAY FEST 1984 on the road to success!

We are in the process of compiling a confidential mailing list. The list is strict, confidential, Gay Fest property. Mail will be sent in white, unmarked envelopes. Send your name and address to GAY FEST, INC., P.O. Box 840, Chalmette, La. 70043, NOW! (Limited number on mailing list).

The Board of Directors of GAY FEST 1984 would like to acknowledge a personal effort for a Gay Fest fundraiser. On January 10, 1984 at 7:00 p.m. Tina Topaze shall host a general meeting of female impersonators, drag queens (occasional draggers please come), male leads and male impersonators. The meeting shall be at Travis' and will begin at 7:00 p.m. sharp. Everyone is invited by Tina Topaze to attend. "There is a lot of talent in New Orleans and I know we can put on a Gay Fest fundraiser like never before," stated Miss Topaze.

Krafti Kritters is in the process of printing the 1984 GAY FEST T-shirts. They will be on sale soon, so get ready New Orleans....THEY ARE HOT!

GREAT NEWS, New Orleans! "Lady" will be doing a benefit for Gay Fest on Saturday, January 28 at Charlene's. The show begins at 10:00 p.m. Everyone is urged to attend this event. Come out and hear this band; they are fantastic!

We make an appeal to everyone: PLEASE take an interest in GAY FEST in 1984. The success of a Gay Pride celebration is in your hands. Become part of our mailing list and attend one of our meetings or fundraisers—SHOW YOUR PRIDE!

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

RE: SCOTT ALAN HUNSBERGER, white/male, dob 03/09/61, S.S.#268-86-8765, 5'6", 130 lbs., brown hair/green eyes, A/K/A: Barry Davis, Bartholomew Davis, Eric Neal, George Alan Simpson, Barry Monoson, William Mushrush, Frank John Sobkowiak, Eric Hunsberger, Eric Neill, Daniel Sax, and Reid La Londe.

Scott Alan Hunsberger was apprehended at a shopping mall in Columbus, Ohio on Friday, December 16, 1983. He was observed walking in the mall by an individual who remembered the wanted person bulletins on Hunsberger that appeared in the local gay newspapers. This individual notified the police, and Hunsberger was taken into custody.

Scott Hunsberger was in Los Angeles, Calif., from August 12, 1983 to November 15, 1983. He left Los Angeles, and his whereabouts were unknown until he was apprehended in Columbus, Ohio on December 16, 1983.

WANTED BY POLICE DEPARTMENTS: Reading, PA.; Rochester, NY; Las Vegas, NV; Dallas, TX; Sacramento, CA; Marin Co. Sheriff Dept., CA; and Cobb County Sheriff Dept., Merietta, GA.

Scott Hunsberger locked himself behind bars. The only thing the police did was take a form of cancer out of society. Whether that society be gay or straight, we know that our function to the community was served to the best of our ability.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Gay Press Association for their co-operation in printing the wanted person bulletins. Also a special thanks to the gay community for getting involved. For six months I tracked Hunsberger around the United States, and this was only made possible by the gay community getting involved. Without their involvement, Scott Alan Hunsberger would still be free. Again, thanks to all who assisted in making my job a little easier.

C.I. Dennis C. Carl
Criminal Investigator
Reading Bureau of Police
Reading, Pennsylvania 19601
Phone: (215) 320-6144

Dear Editor:

Why does Jerry Falwell disagree with Moses? Why does Jerry Falwell preach against the teachings of the Holy Bible?

What to do about "wet dreams" is covered in *Deuteronomy 23:10:11*, and what to do when you're horney and without a female is covered in the next three verses, *Deuteronomy 23:12-14*.

There are two apparent purposes for these sex teachings. One is that if one ejaculates outside a female, it should also be outside the camp, or home. The other is that horney people should segregate themselves from others to avoid stimulating them and distracting them.

These five verses of non-reproductive sex, taught as the divinely inspired words of Moses in the Holy Bible, are a virtual blueprint for gay sexuality and gay baths.

To paraphrase Moses, "If anyone gets messed by the mess that happens in the night, go wash it off and forget about it. You shall have a place away from your home where you can shoot-off freely, and you shall beat on your sex organ; and when you relieve yourself, clean up your cum, or ejaculate, so the Lord (or anyone else) won't have to look at it."

It's doubtful that Moses expected the men of the camp to stand in line to go into the place to jerk-off privately, so it surely was intended that they masturbate together as needed, but in one special place away from ordinary social activity.

Isn't it about time that the Rev. Jerry Falwell preach a sermon on TV taken from *Deuteronomy 23:10-14*, or drop the subject altogether?

Paul D. Bond
New Orleans, La.

Dear Editor:

Once again we are faced with blatantly inaccurate information coming from the Reagan Administration. While the Administration has been insisting that federal agencies had all the money they needed to conduct AIDS research, we now have proof that officials of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have been pleading for financial assistance to do their job.

According to documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act by the San Francisco Chronicle, federal health officials warned as early as last spring that there was not enough federal money available to conduct vital AIDS research.

The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta has been forced to divert millions of dollars from other health projects because the Reagan Administration has not made AIDS funds available.

The Intergovernmental Relations and Human Resources Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives has issued a report criticizing the Reagan Administration for jeopardizing the "lives of countless Americans" by overriding reports by medical experts in allocating funds for the fight against AIDS.

The Congressional Study reports that researchers and physicians of the Public Health Department were "subjected to severe political and fiscal restraints, especially in times of shrinking federal budgets for public health programs."

Clearly the Administration is willing to risk lives in order to perpetuate its claims that additional AIDS research money is not necessary.

It is time that these people face the reality of the AIDS crisis. I am proud that I was able to obtain an additional $2.9 million for the University of California budget for AIDS research. It is most appropriate that the State of California help provide a vehicle for research into this dreaded disease which has been called the most serious health threat since the plague. But the State cannot do the job alone.

The Federal Government has moved very slowly with regards to AIDS research and funding. The Reagan Administration has sent out a smokescreen designed to hide its lack of dedication and effort to solve the AIDS puzzle and bring this deadly disease under control.

As the Congressional Report concludes, "Unfortunately, the lives of countless Americans may be jeopardized when the scope of AIDS research and surveillance is dictated by budget considerations rather than the professional judgements of public health and medical experts."

The House panel recommended three steps to improve the Government's handling of the AIDS epidemic and other health emergencies: a contingency fund for research in health crises; development of procedures at the National Institute of Health to expedite research grants in an emergency; and creation of an independent research panel to review, research and develop a strategy and budget to fight AIDS.

I urge you to contact your representatives in Washington and express your support for these proposals which will help to bring an end to the Reagan Administration's life threatening charade.

Willie L. Brown, Jr.
Office of the Speaker
Room 217, State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Tina Topaze Sets Gay Fest Fund Raiser

On January 10, 1984, Tina Topaze will have a meeting of all female impersonators, drag queens (occasional draggers welcomed), male leads and male impersonators. Tina Topaze, along with the others will produce, direct and stage a benefit drag performance for Gay Fest, Inc.

"It is time we do our community a good turn! I invite each and every drag queen/female impersonator (male actress) who have performed and any of those who haven't to this meeting," stated Tina Topaze. "Here is a short rundown of my guest list: Pamela York, Dana Michaels (Sidonia Starr), Terry LaVelle, Donnie Jay, Boobie, Rowina, Lisa Beauman, Hot Ice, January Ice, Sheena King (Phoenix), Vanessa, Gee, Donna Winter, Earlene Punch, Mickie Hebert, Jody, Lady T, Erica Wells, Neveda Auchante' (Saphanda Peters), Chemise, Judy Garland, Terry Thomas, Alotta Malotta, Alicia Brooks, Eboney Ross, Terrie Lynn Foxx, Jamie Summers, Felisha Ellen, Fire House Phillis (come out of retirement), Jan Alexander, Daniel, Eboney, Brittiney Morgan, Vanessa Chamberlain, Amber, Chantillie Lace, Kati Lane, Paulette and Sandra, Blanche, Tracy Leigh, Tango Moran, Lee Austin, The Gutter Girls, Marcey and her girls...and so on (you, too, M.H.). The list goes on. I do expect to see you there or hear from you! With a cast like this you can bet it will be one of the best productions and performances New Orleans has seen in a long time!"

All proceeds from this production will be given to GAY FEST. "Anytime GAY FEST needs my time and talent, it is there for the asking. I hope some of the other impersonators feel the same," added Tina Topaze.

To The New Orleans Gay Community:

Saturday, December 31, was supposed to be our annual New Year's Eve Party at St. Bernard Cultural Center. It was with deep regret that we had to cancel it because of damage caused by the weather to the Auditorium plumbing system.

We would like to sincerely apologize for the inconvenience caused by this misfortune.

Loretta Mims
Mickey Brocato

"If the truth hurts most of us so badly that we don't want it told, it hurts even more grievously those who dare to tell it. It is a two-edged sword, often deadly dangerous to the user."

Judge Ben Lindsey (1869-1943)
Revolt of Modern Youth

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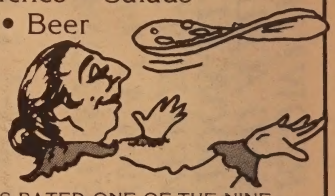

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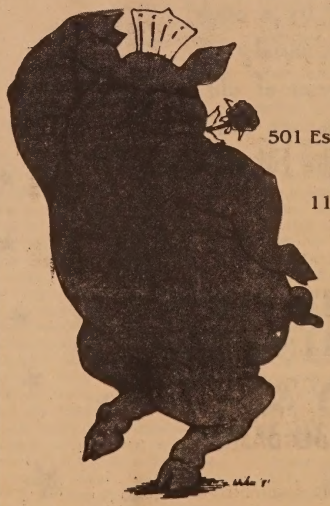

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The Media Fund for Human Rights has announced a major, nationwide campaign to make gay people more critical of the media. The campaign was launched with an exhibit during the November convention of the National Association of Business Councils in Los Angeles. Convention-goers were invited to view a video tape of the media coverage of many gay issues and to respond to a questionaire. The tape is available for viewing by gay groups around the country.

The Media Fund for Human Rights is a tax-exempt charitable and educational organization, founded by the Gay Press Association, the international association of gay media professionals.

"Local groups have been doing incredibly successful consciousness-raising among media officials in their communities," according to Mike Rutherford, Executive Director of the Media Fund. "Now, the time has come for us to be sending our version of breaking news stories directly into the electronic news systems of the country—and do it on a national level." It's a task, he says, which will take full-time professionals, lots of money, and co-operation among gay groups nationwide.

"If we could just match the technical facilities of the Moral Majority, we could begin to counter some of the 'media fagbashing' which is going on," said Morgan Pinney, CPA, who is Chief Executive Officer for the project.

The heart of the operation of the Media Fund is the computerized electronic network, established more than a year ago by the Gay Press Association and now operated by the Media Fund. The system is now accessable by any group in the country, using any of the popular home computers connected over regular telephone lines to the "host" computer in New York. Any group can leave messages for any other group or disseminate press releases to all groups. Members of special subgroups, such as gay lawyers or gay journalists, will communicate within their special sections of the system. "All of this will result in a better and more rapidly informed gay community, and everyone will be in touch with the Media Fund as we send news and analysis directly into the electronic new systems of the country," according to Pinney.

The Media Fund can be contacted through its national office in Washington, D.C. at 1110 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Zip 20005. The phone is 202-387-2430.

"INTERACT"— New Orleans

Some interested parties met recently at the home of Dan Creagan to begin the formation of "INTERACT-New Orleans."

This organization's goal is to provide a social outlet outside the "bars" that will allow interaction within the over 40 age group. (People under 40 years of age can join also, as INTERACT would appreciate the help of all interested parties).

Besides a social outlet, plans are for giving aid to those needing job opportunities and medical assistance. INTERACT is a friendship organization offering just that for those interested.

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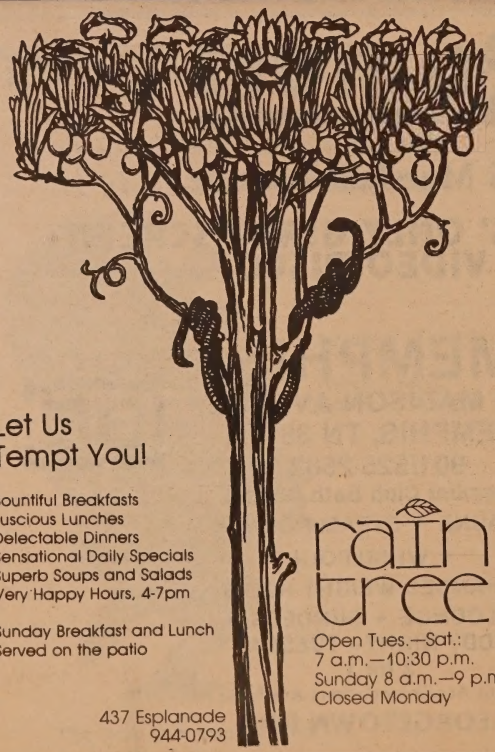

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Their Wednesday evening performance will be *Swan Lake, Act II, Spring Waters, The Lamentations of Jane Eyre, Pas de Quatre, Dying Swan* and *Yes Virginia, Another Piano Ballet.* Thursday evening's performance will be *Giselle, Pas de Duex* (to be announced), *The Marche Slav, The Dying Swan* and *Go For Borocco.*

From their first midnight performances in off-off-Broadway lofts in 1974, the Trocks have grown to become a truly international dance company. Their extensive touring schedule has taken them throughout the U.S. and Canada, as well as to Europe, South Africa, Latin America, Australia and Japan. The Trocks have delighted audiences in New York with their performances at The Civic Center.

A Trocks performance never fails to attract enthusiastic audiences of all ages and rave reviews from critics everywhere. "The funniest men in town."—*Vogue.* "Everything you've always wanted to see in a ballet and were afraid you would."—*The Oregonian.* "Take your children by all means."—*New York Magazine.* "Tutu funny."—*New York Daily News.*

Tickets are on sale at Ticketmaster or charge by phone at **587-3072.** Group discounts are available. For information call **386-6400.** For further information contact John Ballard or Julie Katzer at **(307) 733-5922.** The Space Agency, Inc., Box 427, Wilson, Wyoming 83014.

Della Reese to Bring "Blue in the Night" to New Orleans

A Broadway musical that is winning rave reviews across the country and bringing some much-deserved attention to the versatile and energetic singing style of Della Reese will make it to "the City That Care Forgot" Thursday, January 26 through Saturday, January 28 at the Saenger Performing Arts Center.

Blues in the Night, a lamenting, wistful, and poignant story of a once-famous musical star now down and out of all reasonable expectations, is an almost sensuous visit to the land of jazz and blues.

The musical, which won a Tony award in 1983 for the best musical of the year, tells of the emotions and realities behind the performer—the part the public never sees.

Ingeniously, the tale is told entirely to music. And that's where the true beauty of *Blues in the Night* comes to fore. Almost all of the songs are standards long etched in stone. Johnny Mercer, Alberta Hunter and even the legendary Bessie Smith were responsible for most of the truly classy dittys in the musical.

Set in a broken-down hotel in Chicago in 1938, *Blues in the Night* gives ample opportunity to exhibit the wide range of Miss Reese's vocal ability. The former regular of such TV shows as *Chico and the Man* and *The Tonight Show,* Miss Reese is a veteran vocalist who has charmed many for over thirty years on the night club circuit.

In *Blues in the Night* Miss Reese is joined by singer/actresses Neva Small and Cynthia White.

Critic Clive Barnes has called the musical "entertainment to warm the body and soul," adding "the mixture of genuine jazz is expert at varying the pace of the show and providing its three women with varying emerging characterizations."

For more information on *Blue in the Night,* call the Saenger Theatre at 524-0876.

Shari Lewis: A Little Bit of Everything Good

by Garry Boulard

When Shari Lewis walked out onto the stage of the Orpheum Theatre just before Christmas she looked as though she could have been a well-known singer, the kind who really knows how to belt a tune and sense a lyric. And she did.

But then the petite Lewis ambled over to the conductor's podium, fronting the impressive New Orleans Philharmonic, picked up the conductor's baton, and looked as though she could be one of those rare birds—a woman who knows how to conduct a giant orchestra with all the grace and vision of most of her male counterparts. And she did.

Then, finally, Lewis stopped conducting and turned to her attentive audience. She had a radiant smile and a tremendous sense of quick-witted humor, "I was toilet trained at the piano," she said. "Really, my parents put a potty underneath the piano bench and there I was—tinkling at the keys." And one thought this woman is a humorist, a comediane who could carry her weight with Carol Burnett or Mary Tyler Moore. And she does.

But all of those wonderful talents are mere appendages to the skill and magic that Shari Lewis has become most known for: her beguiling, almost mystical abilities as a puppeteer and the wonderful ways of such children's show luminaries as Lamb Chop and the Southern Hush Puppy.

In the early 1960's, Shari Lewis was the target of millions of children's affections as she revealed her magical ways before a nationwide television audience on NBC every Saturday morning.

Her puppets—again Lamb Chop was the big hit—were a startling break from the medium up to that point. Most pubescent TV watchers were familiar with the wooden, stiff, and definitely un-real antics of such puppets as Howdy Doody and Kukla, Fran and Ollie.

Shari Lewis and Lamb Chop were something different. Here was a soft, furry little animal that had a biting sense of humor. The kids liked Lamb Chop because she was cute and soft. The parents liked Lamb Chop because she fired off a series of double-entendres that even Johnny Carson might not be able to pull off.

It was an upbeat, fast-tempoed show and Lewis became a national celebrity.

But, suddenly she disappeared, off of television and far away from the 1970's political movements of her contemporaries. The absence was due to Lewis' desire to raise a family and perfect a talent

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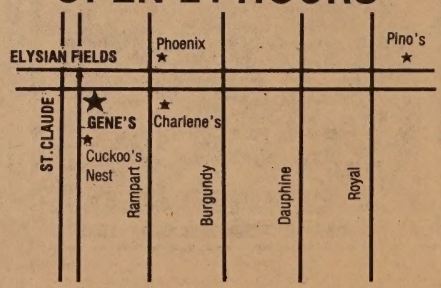

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that fairly shines: her abilities as a serious symphony conductor.

One can't help but wonder what type of person Shari Lewis really is. What's it like to know up close a woman who has extraordinary ventriloquist powers and yet the sheer intelligence to endow those little animals she creates with personalities completely believable?

Lewis gives few clues. She's a private woman. But on stage she tantalizes the curious with an interesting statement: "I never lie during a show. In a private conversation with you, well, maybe. But never on stage to an audience."

It would be hard to imagine Lewis as anything less than her onstage personae. She's one of those beguiling combinations of chutzpah, little girl witticisms, and big girl sexual suggestion.

And as she showed in New Orleans—the last stop on an 11-city tour—she is also something of a genius artist. Out of nowhere, she tells the audience that despite all of her achievements there is still one thing that she has never been able to accomplish: dance with Fred Astaire.

As the music builds and Lewis runs off stage, one wonders just what to expect next. Then—and it's a big "then"—Lewis and Astaire enter to a full orchestral sweep and the stunned applause of the audience.

No, it's not the Fred we've all come to know and love. But a life-size puppet that dances elegantly with Shari to the tune of "Cheek to Cheek."

The act is a tour de force. And some of the puppets—like the Astaire execution—are almost eerily real.

But Lewis is always the clever one. What was it that made her old NBC show so refreshing? It was Lewis' penchant for being honest. As the entire New Orleans audience was beginning to believe that this Lamb Chop character was actually a real, breathing entity, Lewis quickly destroyed the imagery. "Why are you talking so much?" Shari asked Lamb Chop. Lamb Chop quickly replied, "Because you like to talk so much."

Said *Time-Picayune* writer David Cuthbert, "(Shari's shows) were quality entertainment, because Lewis is an exceptional entertainer—a ventriloquist who offers richly humorous characterizations coupled with flawless technique. She is also an energeic musical comedy performer. Her shows, in fact, were original, mini-musical comedies."

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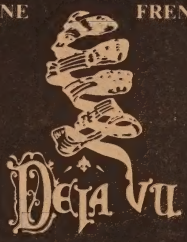

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Sherwood's Forest

By Wally Sherwood

It's often said that we are not getting older, but better. If that adage can apply individually, it also can collectively. In this case, it's the New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus.

In its three gala holiday concerts at St. Mark's Church, the singers served a festive toast as fine as well-aged wine. It is simply amazing how the choir has matured over the past year.

Under the tutorage of Jerry Zachary, the group has emerged from a sometimes uneven group last season into a well-balanced format in which each chorus member readily compliments the other. Whatever the obstacles were before, the weaknesses have obviously been overcome.

Even this concert's selections were more-balanced than usual, starting out with traditional and, after intermission, working its way into more modern carols and, yes, even show tunes. It was a wondrous mixture and, as an advertisement proclaims, "All you do is add people."

"Alleluia" by Randall Thompson was, of course, an expected highlight of the evening, especially on the heels of the chorus' triumphant showing at New York City's Lincoln Center last September. But there was so much more to enjoy during this loving tribute to Shannon Bordelon. The shifting scenes and settings—some concert style, some lined around the church, another brightly lit, others taper-lit—added to the overall joy of the occasion.

While the traditionals carried the program along well, I personally got into the spiritual section with such David Johnson arrangements as *Mary Wore Three Links of Chain* and *Mary Had a Baby*.

After the first portion, the chorus retired to don their gay apparel for a whimsical look at Christmas with a revamped version of the Tommie Conner tune entitled, *I Saw Daddy Kissing Santa Claus*—not to mention a very moving presentation of *Do You Hear What I Hear?*

The rousingly-received program was supposed to end with the English carol, *We Wish You a Merry Christmas,* but the singers were called back for some well-earned encores.

But in wrapping up the Gay Men's Chorus' Christmas present to its community, I would have to tie some extra bows of bright ribbon on three numbers that were exceptionally well done.

Daryl Hancock, leader for the Bass I section, teamed up on two of these: *A Christmas Carol* with bass David Kemp and *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* with tenor Mark Gideon. For *Good King Wenceslas* it was two tenors: choir president David Schwarz and his veep, John Sullivan.

The whole affair was not only balanced, but well put together.

And for the visuals, one could not help but be impressed with the stage renderings by Danny Butler and Virgil Ford—not to mention the handsome blue-and-silver program contributed by Richard T. Devlin & Associates and prepared by Walter Kennedy.

Darrel Hamby and his friendly associates were in charge of the cash bar and finally, last but most certainly not least, my personal thanks go to bass Jonathan Houston for making the arrangements for the privilege of once again to come hear—and review—the New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus.

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But the chorus was hardly the only organization busy over the holidays.

Almost as new as the New Year, the Krewe of Cerci made its debut with a ballon-filled bazaar in the courtyard of historic Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop.

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Over at the Galley House, Petronius was holding its annual Yule fete complete with a bountiful buffet. A week later, the action shifted to the Mississippi River Bottom which had donated a video recorder to be raffled off to benefit the oldest gay Krewe.

And congratulations go to the winner, my good neighbor and bartender at Mona's, George Hansen.

While on the subject of buffets and the Bottom, they really outdid themselves with their Cajun spread for patrons and friends New Year's Day—complete with two large, roasted pigs, catered by Flamingo's. Man, you talk about good eating!

More celebration was in order for Bob Brown, who can't decide whether he is a Capricorn or a Sagittarius, when he was surprised with a cake shaped like a huge cock and balls and other birthday goodies at Partners Saloon.

Another holiday party was the three-way hosted by Twiggy, Ken and Sandy at their environs at the corner of Rampart and Rue St. Peter. Steve served up a hot Swedish grog to ward off the cold during an open house co-hosted by Ken and Maxine.

The Golden Lantern, which really looked festive for New Year's Eve, was bedecked with miles and miles of red ribbon for the Salma Gundi show, during which Lurch and Robbie sparkled in *The Pajama Game* number, *Steam Heat.* (L'artiste)

Jackson's Place had a very cozy Christmas window display, while the Quarter Scene excelled with its outdoor decorations.

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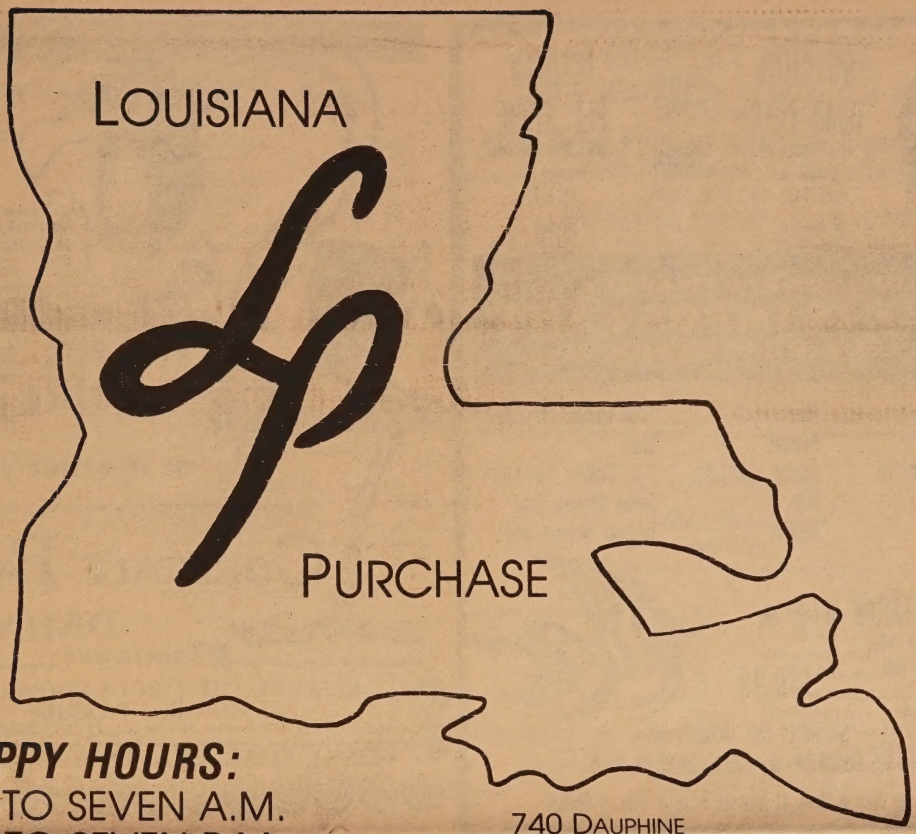

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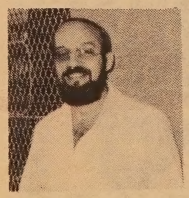
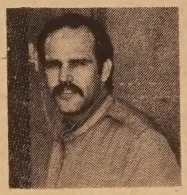

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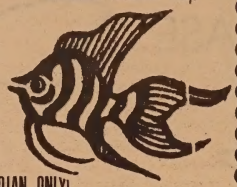

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Gay Bowling Grows in New Orleans

Lucille's Athletic Department recently informed *Impact Sports* that their bowling league has started their 1983 winter bowling season. Ms. Lee Gorham, Vice-President, reported that for the first time in LAD's 3-year history the league is now officially sanctioned by both the American Bowling Congress and the Women's International Bowling Congress.

Colin Kennedy, President, advised *Impact* that the League's founder, Nick Donovan, remains with the league. "Nick is one of the Highest Rollers we have," Kennedy said. Giving Donovan credit for starting the league and keeping it together with both money and spirit for three years, Kennedy stated that he hopes to see the League grow to a competitive position and join the International Gay Bowling Organization this season.

Justin Dodson, Secretary/Treasurer, reported the following standing for the league as of January 2, 1984:

Team Positions	Wins	Losses
"Motels"	21½	6½
"Anything Goes"	18	10
"Burbon Pub"	18	10
"Ewoks"	18	10
"Sloppy Thirds"	17	11
"Rags"	15	13
"Smurfs"	14	14
"M.R.B.'s"	12	16
"La Te De's"	12	16
"Cha Cha's"	8	20
"Suburban Knights"	7½	20½
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The league bowls every Monday night, 9 p.m. at Sugar Bowl Lanes on Franklin Avenue. For additional information, contact Colin Kennedy, 8018 Hampson St., New Orleans, La., telephone: 866-2539.

Dignity Remembers "Homosexual" Brothers at Local Prison

Christmas packets for prisoners were prepared for men at Orleans Parish Prison by DIGNITY, December 16. DIGNITY is an organization of lesbian and gay Catholics and their friends.

Items often asked for but difficult for inmates to obtain were included. A tablet, pencil, stamped envelopes, sheets of colored paper with colored felt-tip pens, a couple of Christmas cards, and puzzle booklets were placed in a manila envelope for each of one hundred prisoners. A greeting was also included. It read, "You are our brothers; you are not forgotten. May these simple items make your Christmas a little different from other days. Peace and God's blessing. DIGNITY.

The annual practice of preparing packets began four years ago when a Christian Brother, who works with the prisoners, informed DIGNITY of the neglect of the persons in the prison areas designated as Homosexual Tiers. These "homosexuals" (most of them are, but some are inmates who are put in that section because of their vulnerability to violence, etc.) are not permitted to participate in programs, in work details or in other activities. Their days are full of idleness, TV and boredom. They are also often overlooked when other prisoners are given such things as Salvation Army kits (toothbrush, toothpaste, comb and wash cloth) distributed at Christmas. Currently, there is a total of about one hundred men in the homosexual tiers of the House of Detention and Central Lockup.

Some weeks prior to the date for putting the packets together, donations of money and material were accepted. On December 16, at DIGNITY'S regular Friday night Coffee House, an assembly line was organized for stuffing manila envelopes with the items. On the following day, the packets were distributed personally to each prisoner on the designated tiers.

"Many prisoners have no money or outside contacts," said Brother Joe. "Some are not from this area and have not been able to inform loved ones of their whereabouts. If the single phone call permitted after arrest does not get through, a prisoner may go an extended time—or forever—before anyone knows his whereabouts. A stamped envelope and writing materials may allow contact."

According to inmates and those who work at the prison, a prisoner's day is pretty much limited to sleeping, eating, watching television and conversation. Reading and games are possible when materials are available. The prisoners said that, with the Christmas items, letters were written, puzzles worked, and home-made cards produced. "When one has nothing, a piece of paper and a pencil are a real treasure," said one.

A number of prisoners sent letters, some of them decorated (obviously with the colored pens given them in the packets), to thank DIGNITY members. Wrote one, "You don't know how much it means to all of us for this special treat. Everyone up here was so delighted because some of us didn't have any of the items that were in the package and we sure did need them. I can surely say it was a 'Gift from Heaven!' *Thank you very much!* Please pray for me that I may get out soon and also for everyone up here. May you also have the Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest New Year, too." He decorated the letter with a green and red flower on the inside and a red heart on the outside.

Another wrote, "This letter is just a few lines to let the people know how it feels to be thought of by somebody on the outside at Christmas time or anytime for that matter when you really don't have anybody."

DIGNITY has a Coffee House open to all each Friday from 9 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. at the St. Louis Community Center, 1022 Barracks. Sunday Mass is at 4 p.m. at 3037 Dauphine.

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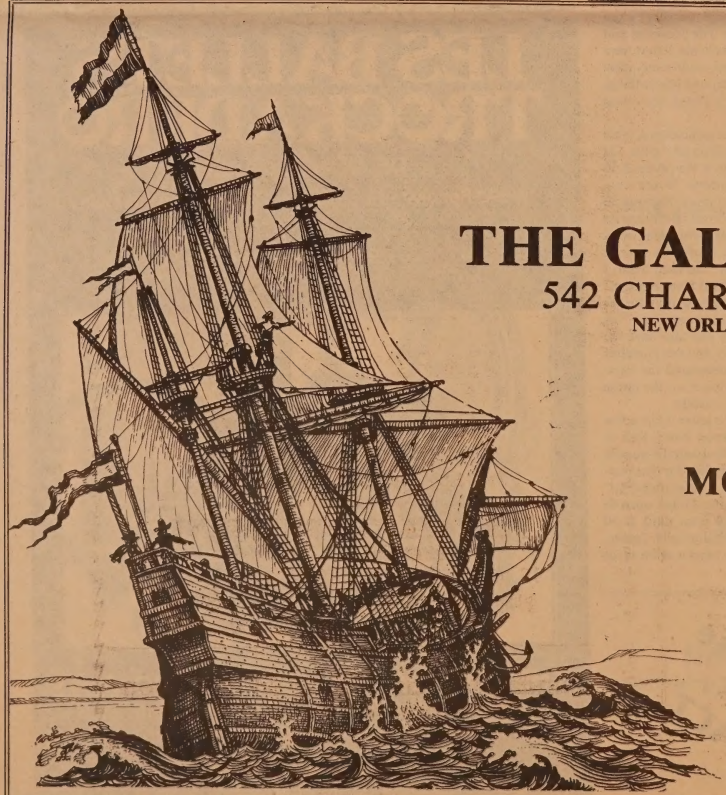

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Harlow's Opens at 534 St. Philip

An exciting little eatery will be making its debut in the French Quarter on Wednesday, January 11, according to restauranteur Bob Bernissant, who also owns the Quarter Scene. The restaurant is being named after the "Queen of the Silver Screen, Jean Harlow," and fans of hers will delight in the plans that have been made for the opening. For months Bernissant has been working on the idea, including a buying trip to New York to obtain memorabilia for the decorating. It will be a small, intimate place serving dinners only, which will be prepared by cooks trained as Cordon Bleu.

There will be different selections each day with the prices ranging from $5.95 to approximately $9.95, and these prices will include both a soup and salad. The selection will include unusual entrees, all pasta homemade, and exciting desserts.

The atmosphere, according to Bernissant, will be a "Queen's Delight," which is slated to be a simple touch of comfortable elegance surrounded by rare pictures of Harlow, the original queen of Hollywood.

Also, whenever weather permits, there will be a delightful patio for patrons who prefer that type of atmosphere.

Kicking off the opening with the flare that is synonomous with Bernissant will be a Harlow Look-a-Like Contest on Tuesday, January 10, at the Mississippi River Bottom. The contest will begin at 9:00 P.M. and is open to everyone. If you look like Jean Harlow or if you can make yourself look like her, you may be the winner of $250.00 in cash and a platinum wig.

Bernissant's interest in the New Orleans gay community goes beyond providing fine dining places—he also donates all proceeds from coffee sales the second Tuesday of the month at the Quarter Scene to AIDS. This donation includes the full 24 hours.

DIGNITY—New Orleans

Dignity-New Orleans will be joining with Dignity International this January in celebrating the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the organization. Dignity is an organization for Gay Catholics.

Dignity was extablished in 1969 to promote the acceptance of Gays within the Church, to provide services to Gays, and to work with other Gay organizations in securing the rights of all Gays.

The New Orleans celebration will consist of a spaghetti dinner at the St. Louis Community Center, 1022 Barracks Street, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 20th. Following the dinner, Sr. Mary Michael O'Saugnessy O.P. will be speaking on the topic of: *Gay as a Gift.*

On Saturday, the 21st, a covered dish dinner and cash bar will be held at the Clinic, 540 Burgundy Street, at 8:00 p.m.

On Sunday an Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. at St. Vincent De Paul Church, 3035 Dauphine Street, with a reception to follow.

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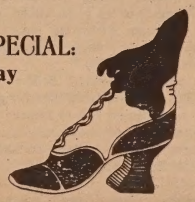

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Glenn in More Trouble Over Gay Issue

John Glenn, the only candidate for the 1984 Democratic Presidential nomination who refuses to support a controversial lesbian and gay rights bill in the U.S. Senate, is receiving some politically damaging fall-out from his stand.

The chairman of Senator Glenn's New York presidential campaign announced in December that he was going to withdraw his support for the former astronaut and step down as his Empire State co-ordinator.

Manfred Ohrenstein, who is a minority leader in the state senate, said Glenn's stand on gay issues has greatly hurt his ability to lead a Democratic coalition against Ronald Reagan later this year.

In a wire report Ohrenstein said Glenn had "called into question his otherwise superb record on civil rights by engaging in a prolonged debate on lesbian and gay rights—an issue which has broad-based support within the Democratic party."

Continued Ohrenstein, "I have come to the painful conclusion that I cannot play the role in the campaign that I had set out for myself."

Glenn's remarks have cost him a great deal of support in various sections of the country and within the Democratic party. Already trailing former vice-president Walter Mondale in the polls, Glenn only hurt his campaign further last month by saying he would do nothing to knowingly "promote homosexuality."

Some political observers believe that Glenn's strong stand against the gay rights bill may have caused him to forsake the endorsement of the National Organization of Women. That group lined up solidly behind Mondale in early December.

Immediately after Ohrenstein's announcement, Glenn issued a statement from Washington in which he said that nothing was more important than a candidate "clearly and honestly" stating his convictions on the major issues. "I have done that. Sometimes that will lead me to differences with supporters and occasionally it will mean the loss of support. In that case, so be it."

"I believe deeply in civil liberties and social justice for all Americans," Glenn continued. "I have practiced that conviction throughout my life and career. That, however, is not the issue poised by legislation that would require the federal government to become involved in controversial questions concerning gay rights and lifestyles. I believe that federal intrusion into areas of personal behavior could set a dangerous precedent for unwarranted government involvement in the private lives of individuals."

Glenn said he regretted Ohrenstein's decision, but he would continue with his New York campaign nonetheless.

Ohrenstein, who represents one of the largest populations of gays in the country with his combined district of Greenwich Village and Manhattan, said he would not support another candidate.

But his withdrawal has apparently not doused the flames of Glenn's gay remarks. Virginia Apuzzo, the executive director of the National Gay Task Force, said her group is going to play hard in the coming months to put pressure on Glenn to better define his position on the issues.

Glenn may have answered Apuzzo—and put his feet in the hot water once again—when he went to New York just before Christmas and suggested that it might be prudent to exclude gays from certain jobs.

Those positions Glenn mentioned included the military, YMCA and intelligence agencies. He added that the federal government should not dictate the hiring of homosexuals as teachers.

Some activists and supporters of Glenn feel his remarks on the gay legislation and the reaction to that statement have been an unqualified disaster. "He got himself in all kinds of trouble, and it could have all been avoided," said one Glenn supporter.

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Was Robert Sullivan, After Being Executed, Innocent?

A legal dispute that could hold strong and potent forebodings for the move among many states to return to the death penalty is presently underway in Florida. The case concerns itself with the execution in late November of Robert Sullivan.

Sullivan, an admitted gay, was convicted in the 1973 murder of a fast food restaurant manager in Homestead. At the time of his conviction, Florida had only a death row—the constitutional incidentals of capital punishment were still being argued among state and federal attorneys. Sullivan may have believed that he would be able to get a second hearing to over-turn his conviction once he gathered witnesses to prove that he was not anywhere near the scene of the murder.

But that second hearing never came about, and now Sullivan's attorney and several observers of our legl system are crying foul.

"Florida refused to grant Sullivan a new trial or stay his execution even though...new evidence established doubt as to Sullivan's guilt," said attorney Thomas Equels in *The Miami Herald*. "Where new evidence raised an issue regarding Sullivan's innocence, Sullivan's life should have been spared."

In the original case against Sullivan, lawyers for the prosecution presented a man who was supposed to have been Sullivan's accomplice in the robbery/murder that netted $2,700 and left dead Howard Johnson's restaurant manager Donald Schmidt.

When Sullivan said he was at a gay bar in Hallandale—more than forty miles away from the scene of the crime—his accomplice took the stand to testify that Sullivan wilfully pumped Schmidt's body with four bullets.

Arrested shortly after the Schmidt murder, Sullivan supposedly had the victim's watch and credit cards on him. But Sullivan denied everything. And he remained adamant on that issue after he was sent to death row, after Florida re-instated the death penalty in 1976, and even after Robert Graham was elected governor of Florida in 1978 on a platform that called for the regular use of capital punishment against convicted murderers.

Said Equels, "Sullivan's defense was that he was at a bar in Hallandale at the time of the crime. Three alibi witnesses could not be found for the trial but were later located. They raised the possibility that Sullivan's conviction was erroneous. However, Florida refused to grant Sullivan a new trial...."

Equels, a Miami attorney who represented the Catholic Bishops of Florida and the Florida Catholic Conference in an unsuccessful attempt to prevent the execution of Sullivan, added, "An execution is irreversible. It is unjust because it leaves no remedy for a mistake in the conviction of the condemned person. It is impossible to correct errors of judgment or wrongful manipulation that may have occurred in the administration of the process leading to execution."

Yet such thinking about the Sullivan case directly confronts the collective wisdom of the U.S. Supreme Court which rejected four appeals by Sullivan and declared that if anything was cruel about the death penalty in Sullivan's case, it was that defense attorneys kept dragging out the appeals process.

In a dramatic, last-minute attempt to save his own life, Sullivan brought his plea one last time before the U.S. Supreme Court the night before his execution. Supreme Court justice Lewis Powell was asked to give Sullivan a stay of execution, but he instead took the matter up before the entire court. "This case has been in litigation for a full decade," the justices declared in an unsigned opinion. "With repetitive and careful reviews by both state and federal courts and by this court—there must come an end to the process of consideration and reconsideration."

So strong was the movement to electrocute Sullivan that even a plea from Pope John Paul II proved futile. Minutes before Sullivan was led to the chair, his head and lower right leg shaved, Governor Graham declared, "There are no stays. God save us all." and then Sullivan was charged with a surge of 2,000 volts.

But some believe it was the Burger Court that actually played the role of the catalyst in Sullivan's case. According to the rules established by the conservative Burger justices, a defendant can try again and again to have his case heard if something—like a faulty defense—occured in his original hearing. But the claims are hardly ever considered to be worthy of another trial.

"Robert Austin Sullivan was convicted of murder and sentenced to death in November 1973," said Equels. "The Florida Supreme Court affirmed his conviction in 1974 and the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review the case as it would do every subsequent time Sullivan asked to be heard."

Equels continued, "Nothing more happened in the case until 1979, when Sullivan, represented by a new lawyer, filed a petition asking the state courts to review his conviction. That petition raised for the first time Sullivan's claim of improper sentencing procedures. Sullivan also claimed that his prior lawyers had been so incompetent that he had been denied his constitutional right to counsel."

A circuit judge in Dade County ruled against Sullivan shortly thereafter, even as Sullivan was refused his legal right to appear in court to testify on his claim.

In 1981 the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed that there may have been irregularities in Sullivan's case, but they rendered those complaints null and void simply because Sullivan and his first attorneys failed to raise any objections in the original trial.

In a similar article published by the *Herald* and written by attorney Patrick Malone, the entire capital punishment argument, stemming from Sullivan's much-publicized execution, was called into question.

Said Malone: "Florida has approximately 200 persons on death row. Many of them, as did Sullivan, maintain that they are innocent. As the state begins to execute these people, it is only a matter of time before the people of Florida electrocute an innocent person. The probability may be one in 10, one in 50, or one in 200. Whatever it is, we can not deny that it exists. Executions are performed with the knowledge that an innocent person may soon be executed. That in unacceptable in a just society."

After the dark hood was placed over Sullivan's head, and a small whiff of smoke snuck out from under it during the first bolt of electricity, it was overwhelmingly apparent that the heavy set, dark-haired man—the gay Catholic who served the longest time in history on death row—would never get another chance to get a fair trial.

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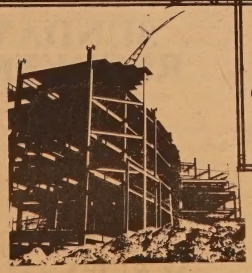

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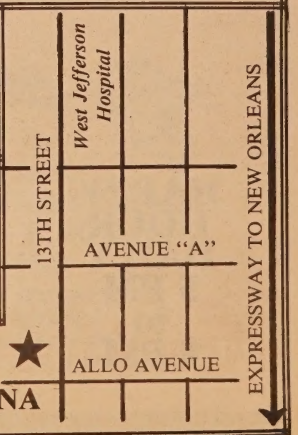

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National News—In Brief

LOS ANGELES—Researchers at the National Institute of Health and the University of California have reported that early work with monkeys and apes may provide a clue to the frustrating mystery of AIDS.

According to an article in the *New York Times*, the research at UCLA indicates that an unknown virus causes a disease in the primates that greatly resembles AIDS. "Experts are not certain that the two disorders are the same or are caused by the same agent," said the *Times*. "But they hope the primates may serve as a useful model. So far, attempts to transmit human AIDS to primates have failed.

CHICAGO—Karen Ulane, the Eastern Airline pilot who underwent a sex change operation in 1980, does not lose her ability to fly a plane competently just because she had the operation.

So said federal district judge John F. Grady last week in a ruling against Eastern's claim that Ulane was incompetent as a pilot because she concealed the fact that she regularly took female hormones.

Although the Federal Aviation Administration certified Ulane as fit for flying, Eastern refused to do so, resulting in Ulane's victory in court.

Judge Grady said it all added up to sex discrimination—the airline didn't dismiss men who failed to report that they were alcoholics, so why pick on Ulane?

Karen Ulane will now receive her back pay from the losing Eastern Airlines, which dismissed her three years ago.

HOUSTON—In a front page story published in the gay weekly, *The Montrose Voice*, Ohio Senator John Glenn has been severely criticized for his adamant anti-gay views, while former vice-president Walter Mondale has been applauded for his open mind on the issue.

"...former astronaut and current Senator John Glenn no longer has the right stuff as far as the gay community is concerned," said the newspaper with one of the largest weekly circulations in Texas.

In a separate article published by *Time* magazine, Glenn was shown to still have considerable support about Texas Democrats for his conservative views. But Mondale remains the favorite. Texas Democrats decide their preference in a party caucus on May 5.

LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA—A plan by a group of gays to embarrass arch-conservative and Moral Majority leader Jerry Falwell have apparently laid an egg in his home town.

The manager of the Virginia Outdoor Advertising Association, the billboard company contracted out to install a series of large billboards promoting gay issues, has bowed out pending what the manager believes will be imminent public pressure.

According to one source, the manager at the billboard company was afraid of getting a "pounding" from the local community that Falwell rules with an iron thumb.

Some of the billboards, which were being sponsored by Blue Ridge Lambda Alliance, said "Someone You Know is Gay. Perhaps It's Someone You Love."

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA—Democratic presidential candidate George McGovern has joined the majority of his campaigning peers by coming out strongly for the full protection of women's rights.

McGovern, a former senator from South Dakota and a candidate in 1968 for the Democratic presidential nomination after the assassination of Bobby Kennedy, was the 1972 Democratic nominee for president. He lost in a landslide defeat to then-President Richard Nixon.

Shortly after he announced his intentions to run a third time for the nation's highest office, McGovern affirmed his support for several gay and lesbian issues currently pending legislation.

SEATTLE—The American Civil Liberties Union has announced that it will go to bat for the *Seattle Gay News* in a $1 million libel suit brought against the paper by Seattle's Brass Connection—a local gay and lesbian bar.

The lawsuit is in response to an article which appeared in the newspaper describing the arrest of a 22-year-old woman and adding that harassment of women and other minorities at the gay bar has been an ongoing policy for a long time.

In a complaint filed in Superior Court, the owner of the Brass Connection said that the paper has been regularly harassing the bar.

The ACLU stepped into the case when the *Seattle Gay News* let it be known that it didn't have the money to defend itself and because the legal organization has been on alert against libel suits around the country which, it has been feared, may greatly damage the freedom of papers to report stories unchecked by government or private agencies.

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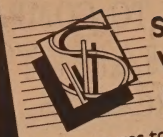
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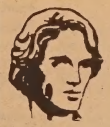

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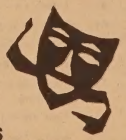

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NAME *(OPTIONAL)*: _____

STREET *(OPTIONAL)*: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Divorced Age: _____

SEXUAL PREFERENCE:

☐ Heterosexual (Straight) ☐ Bisexual ☐ Homosexual/Lesbian (Gay) ☐ In the Closet

T	F		
☐	☐	1.	I am a native to the state of Louisiana.
☐	☐	2.	I believe in Voodoo (Witchcraft).
☐	☐	3.	I am better looking than most people my age.
☐	☐	4.	I am the mother or father of an illegitimate child.
☐	☐	5.	I believe there is a God.
☐	☐	6.	I believe in reincarnation.
☐	☐	7.	I am a high school graduate (or have obtained a G.E.D. certificate).
☐	☐	8.	I am a registered voter.
☐	☐	9.	I own at least one major credit card.
☐	☐	10.	I almost never watch television.
☐	☐	11.	I have never paid cash for sex.
☐	☐	12.	I have never sold sex for cash.
☐	☐	13.	I own a pet.
☐	☐	14.	My pets have been neutered or spayed.
☐	☐	15.	I am an alcoholic.
☐	☐	16.	I frequently smoke marijuana.
☐	☐	17.	President Reagan is doing a good job.
☐	☐	18.	At least one other member of my immediate family is gay.
☐	☐	19.	My father was (or is) a good man.
☐	☐	20.	My mother was (or is) a good woman.
☐	☐	21.	I am a subscriber to a long distance telephone service.
☐	☐	22.	I almost never leave a tip for a bartender.
☐	☐	23.	I eat a meal in a restaurant at least once a week.
☐	☐	24.	I take a bath or shower almost everyday.
☐	☐	25.	I never patronize adult book stores.
☐	☐	26.	I have never patronized an escort service.
☐	☐	27.	At least one of my ears is pierced.
☐	☐	28.	I like sex toys.
☐	☐	29.	I almost never wear underwear.
☐	☐	30.	I have a savings account.
☐	☐	31.	I own a car.
☐	☐	32.	I have never been arrested.
☐	☐	33.	I have been in a jail or prison for more than one week at one time.
☐	☐	34.	I am proud of who I am.
☐	☐	35.	I like my job.
☐	☐	36.	My employer is an honest man.
☐	☐	37.	I am a Vietnam veteran.
☐	☐	38.	When I leave a tip for a waiter or waitress, I base the amount of the tip on the amount of service I receive.
☐	☐	39.	I own my own home.
☐	☐	40.	I take a vacation every year.
☐	☐	41.	I am a college graduate.
☐	☐	42.	I was an illegitimate child.
☐	☐	43.	I believe there is a Devil and a Hell.
☐	☐	44.	I used to smoke cigarettes, but I don't anymore.
☐	☐	45.	I do not drink alcoholic beverages.
☐	☐	46.	I have tried LSD.
☐	☐	47.	I have not shoplifted anything for more than a year.
☐	☐	48.	The United States should get out of Lebanon.
☐	☐	49.	I have never collected an unemployment check.
☐	☐	50.	I am often depressed.
☐	☐	51.	I have a mustache.
☐	☐	52.	I have a beard.
☐	☐	53.	I never get drunk.
☐	☐	54.	I do not believe a nuclear war will occur during my lifetime.
☐	☐	55.	I read a newspaper almost everyday.
☐	☐	56.	My family is aware of the fact that I am gay or lesbian.
☐	☐	57.	My family has accepted me as a gay or lesbian person.
☐	☐	58.	I have a lover.
☐	☐	59.	I have never cheated in my relationship with my lover.
☐	☐	60.	I have an "open" relationship with my lover.
☐	☐	61.	I have never had a venereal disease.
☐	☐	62.	I don't feel much concern about the threat of catching AIDS.
☐	☐	63.	I would like to own my own business.
☐	☐	64.	Given a chance, I would make a good leader of people.
☐	☐	65.	I dye or tint my hair.
☐	☐	66.	I am overweight.
☐	☐	67.	I attend church on a regular basis.
☐	☐	68.	I am sometimes embarrassed by the amount of affection my friends show me in public.
☐	☐	69.	It has been longer than a month since I read a book.
☐	☐	70.	Children should be taught all the main facts about sex.
☐	☐	71.	My future is so uncertain, it is difficult for me to make definite plans.
☐	☐	72.	I am happy most of the time.
☐	☐	73.	I am happiest when I am alone.
☐	☐	74.	If I had my life to live over again, there is not much I would change.
☐	☐	75.	I have never driven a car when I was drunk.
☐	☐	76.	Policemen make me nervous.
☐	☐	77.	I have a lot of respect for most policemen.
☐	☐	78.	People often talk about me behind my back.
☐	☐	79.	I subscribe to cable television or HBO.
☐	☐	80.	I like football.
☐	☐	81.	I like to play mind games with people.
☐	☐	82.	I don't consider myself to be a jealous person.
☐	☐	83.	I have been a victim of police brutality.
☐	☐	84.	I cheat on my federal income taxes.
☐	☐	85.	I have a lot of friends.
☐	☐	86.	I have never hitchhiked.
☐	☐	87.	I never pick up hitchhikers.
☐	☐	88.	I think the use of marijuana should be legalized.
☐	☐	89.	I never hold a grudge.
☐	☐	90.	I am afraid to walk the streets alone at night.
☐	☐	91.	I would be interested in joining a gay orchestra. If so, which instrument do you play? _____
☐	☐	92.	I often discuss my religious beliefs with my friends.
☐	☐	93.	I spend too much money on clothes.
☐	☐	94.	I am in good health.
☐	☐	95.	I have more than half a dozen houseplants.
☐	☐	96.	I like to cook.
☐	☐	97.	I would like to write an editorial.
☐	☐	98.	I own (or plan to purchase) a seasonal pass to the World's Fair.
☐	☐	99.	Women have as much sexual freedom as men.

PLEASE FILL IN YOUR FAVORITE:

100. Movie Actor: _____
101. Movie Actress: _____
102. Writer: _____
103. Cigarette: _____
104. Magazine: _____
105. Bar: _____
106. Restaurant: _____
107. Type of Music: _____
108. Department Store: _____
109. Record Album: _____
110. Vegetable: _____
111. Television Program: _____
112. Radio Station: _____
113. Shampoo: _____
114. Bar Soap: _____
115. Laundry Detergent: _____
116. Politician: _____

PLEASE FILL IN YOUR MOST DISLIKED:

117. Vegetable _____
118. Television Program: _____
119. Politician: _____
120. Cigarette: _____
121. Fast Food Restaurant: _____
122. How many different sex partners have you had in your lifetime?
☐ 1-5 ☐ 6-10 ☐ 11-25 ☐ 26-50 ☐ 51-100
☐ 101-200 ☐ 201-300 ☐ 301-500 ☐ 501 PLUS
123. If you were in an accident, which local hospital would you prefer to go to? _____
124. Please describe yourself in four words or less: _____
125. How many times a week do you go to a bar?
☐ less than once ☐ once ☐ twice
☐ 3 times ☐ 4 times ☐ 5 times
☐ 6 times ☐ 7 times
126. How many years have you lived in the state of Louisiana? _____
127. What do you like most about this newspaper? _____
128. What do you dislike most about this newspaper? _____
129. If you were about to be executed and you had your choice of how it would be done, which method would you choose? _____
130. Which particular question would you like to see asked in future publications of this newspaper? _____
131. What is your religious preference? _____
132. What is your race? _____
133. What is the longest period of time you have ever maintained a relationship with a lover? _____
134. What is your horoscope sign? _____
135. Which horoscope sign do you consider to be the most compatible for you in bed? _____
136. Describe in six words or less what you consider to be your biggest problem today. _____
137. Describe in six words or less what you consider to be the biggest problem with the world today. _____

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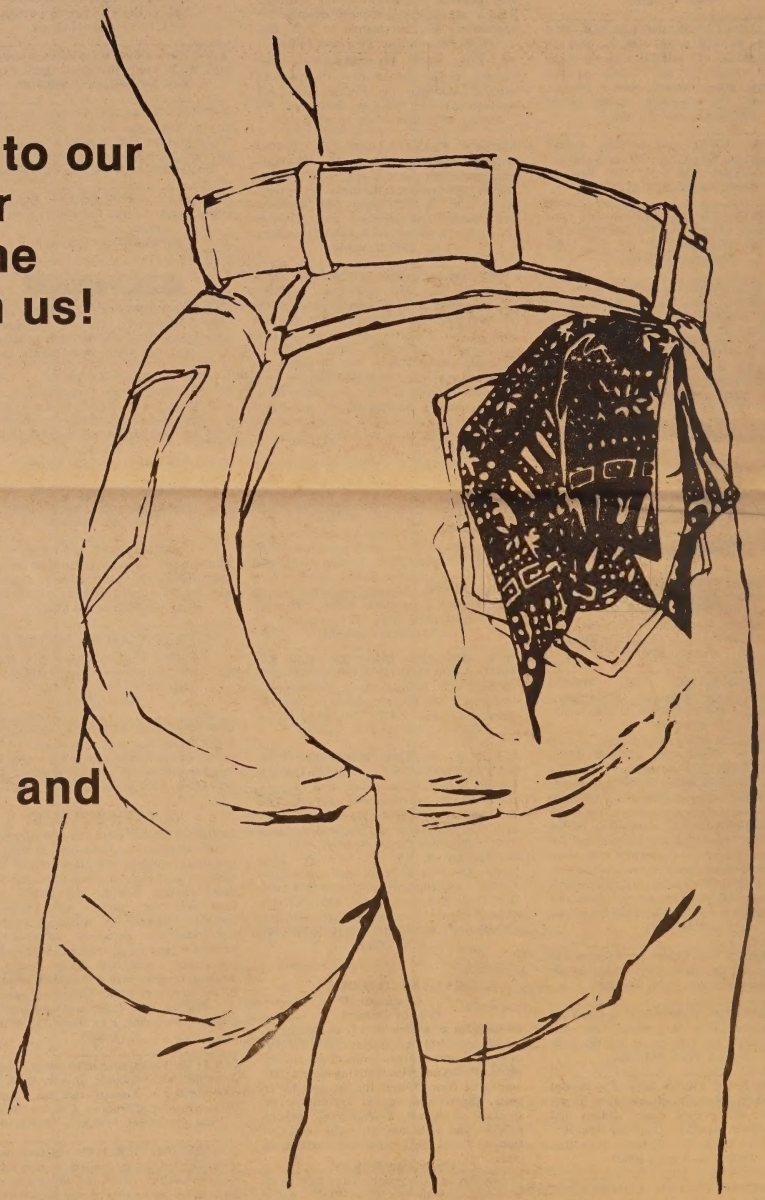

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Have a happy and festive 1984!

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson, 1871 - 1938

J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873 - 1954

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring,
2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chast - 'ning rod,
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty;
Felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise, high as the lis - t'ning skies,
Yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet,
Thou who hast by thy might, led us in - to the light,

Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

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Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered,
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee,

Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
We have come, tread - ing our path thro' the blood of the slaugh - tered,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get Thee;

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Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
Out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for - ev - er stand,

Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

I SHALL NOT BE MOVED

I shall not
I shall not be moved.
I shall not,
I shall not be moved.
Just like a tree that's
planted by the water,
I shall not be moved.

2. Jesus is my savior
I shall not be moved.

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When the storms of life are raging
Stand by me.
When the storms of life are raging,
Stand by me.
When the world is tossing me,
Like a ship upon the sea,
Thou, who rulest wind and water,
Stand by me.

In the midst of tribulation,
Stand by me.
In the midst of tribulation,
Stand by me.
When the hosts of hell assail,
And my strength begins to fail,
Thou who never lost a battle,
Stand by me.

In the midst of faults and failures
Stand by me.
In the midst of faults and failures
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When I do the best I can,
And my friends don't understand,
Thou who knowest all about me,
Stand by me.

In the midst of persecution,
Stand by me.
In the midst of persecultion,
Stand by me.
When my foes in battle array
Undertake to stop my way,
Thou who sav-ed Paul and Silas,
Stand by me.

When I'm growing old and feeble,
Stand by me.
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When my life becomes a burden,
And I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O thou Lily of the Valley,
Stand by me.

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(Hankey)

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And that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee. ℟

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For some have never heard
The message of salvation
From God's own Holy Word. ℟

4 I love to tell the story,
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story
That I have loved so long. ℟

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I've got peace like a river in my soul;
I've got peace like a river,
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2 I've got love like a river in my soul.

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O, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
(I Want to be a Christian)

1 O, I want to be a Christian
In my heart, in my heart;
O, I want to be a Christian
In my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
O, I want to be a Christian
In my heart.

2 O, I want to be more loving
In my heart.

3 O, I want to be more holy
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4 O, I want to be like Jesus
In my heart. Amen.

STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER

1 Not my brother, nor my sister,
But it's me, O God,
Standing in the need of prayer;
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1 Gonna lay down my burden
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And I ain't gonna study war no more.

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Can feel my deepest woe,
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1 Love of my life, I am crying,
I am not dying, I am dancing!
Dancing along in the madness,
There is no sadness,
Only a song of the soul.

℟ And we'll sing this song.
Why don't you sing along,
And we will sing for a long, long time!
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Are you forgiving, giving shelter?
Follow your heart, love will find you,
Truth will unbind you,
Sing out a song of the soul. ℟

3 Come to your life like a warrior,
Nothin' will bore yer, you can be happy!
Let in the life; it will heal you,
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES

MCC PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

IAME_____ BIRTHDAY_____

ADDRESS_____ CITY_____ STATE_____ ZIP_____

HOME PHONE_____ WORK PHONE_____

MAY WE GIVE YOUR ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER TO ANOTHER CHURCH MEMBER WHO WANTS IT?(IF YOUR ANSWER IS NO, THEN YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER WILL BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE. IN NO CASE WILL ANY INFORMATION BE GIVEN TO ANYONE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH.) YES_____ NO_____

CAN YOUR FULL NAME BE USED IN CHURCH PUBLICATIONS? YES_____ NO_____

WHAT IS YOUR PREVIOUS CHURCH AFFILATION?_____

I. MEMBERSHIP IN UFMCC REQUIREMENTS:
   1. BAPTISM IN WATER
   2. AFFIRMATION OF FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOR.
   3. A COMMITTMENT TO THE WORK OF THE CHURCH.

II. YOUR COMMITMENT:
   1. I HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED. YES_____ NO_____
   2. I WISH TO BE BAPTIZED OR BAPTIZED AGAIN YES_____ NO_____
   3. DO YOU ACCEPT JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOR? YES_____ NO_____
   4. WILL YOU ENDEAVOR TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY WITH YOUR TIME, TALENT AND TITHE? YES_____ NO_____

III. WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO SERVE AS CHAIR OR HELPER ON CHURCH COMMITTEES? YES_____ NO_____

WHICH AREAS WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK IN?_____

_____

IV. I BELIEVE THAT I HAVE MET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UFMCC AND NOW ASK TO BE RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP OF MCC PENSACOLA, FLORIDA.

DATE_____ SIGNATURE_____

ADDITIONAL PERSONAL COMMENTS:_____

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MCC PENSACOLA

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH APPLICATION

UFMCC By-LAWS REVISED 1981
ARTICLE V11 SECTION B

NAME Ronald E. Ginsbach BIRTHDAY SEP 12, 1940

ADDRESS 6901-A ESTHER ST CITY Pensacola STATE Fla ZIP 32506

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WHAT IS YOUR CHURCH AFFILATION? Catholic

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING?

A. "FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH" CAN:
1. SERVE ON COMMITTEES
2. PARTICIPATE IN ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES

B. "FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH" CAN NOT:
1. SERVE ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2. VOTE AT CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS YES X NO

WHAT AREAS OF THE CHURCH WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK IN? Bar Ministry, advisory and outreach to community.

ADDITIONAL PERSONAL COMMENTS: am available for a shoulder for the pastor or idea trial runs also.

DATE Nov. 22, 1981 SIGNATURE Ronald E. Ginsbach

APPROVED BY THE PASTOR Dec 1, 1981

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PLACED ON CHURCH ROLLS Dec 6, 1981

To the members of
Metropolitan Community Church;

In order to better serve my church and to show my concerns in the future of MCC Pensacola, I, Karen Bergeron, would like to present myself as a candidate for the Board of Directors.

I feel that God has given me a sense of concern and loyalty to the church. As a member of the board I believe I could better fulfill these commitments.

Sincerely,
Karen Bergeron

To the members of
Metropolitan Community Church:

My order to be letter carrier my church and at work my ministry in the future of MCC Pensacola I, Karen Burgess, could like to contribute as a plasma donor for the Blood of Christ.

I feel that God has given me a sense of caring and a desire to help at this time. As a fellow of the Blood of Christ I would like these gifts of strength and commitment.

Sincerely,
Karen Burgess

TO MEMBERS OF MCC PENSACOLA

I BETTY GRAY WOULD LIKE TO BE ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MCC PNSA. I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER SINCE JAN 18, 1978. I HAVE SERVED ON THE BOARD IN THE PAST AS THE CLERK. I HAVE ALSO BEEN THE LAY DELEGATE AT THE NOV. DIST. CONFERENCE IN 1980.

I ATTEND ALMOST ALL CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICES + SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. I AM ALSO AN ACTIVE TITHER.

IF IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT I BECOME A BOARD MEMBER I WILL ACCEPT THIS POSITION + WILL DO MY BEST FOR GOD + GOD'S CHURCH.

Betty J. Gray

To Members of Mac Pensacola

I Gerry Gray would like to be elected to the Board of Directors of Mac Pensa. I have been a member since Jan 15 1975. I have served on the board in the past as the clerk. I have also been the key delegate at the Nac. Dist. Conferences in 1980.

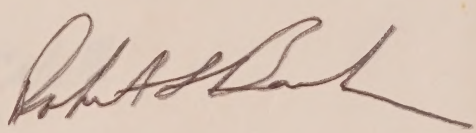
I attend Midway Mb Church worship services & social functions. Time also for active Christ.

If it is God's will that I become a board member I will accept this position & will do my best for God & God's church.

Gerry L. Gray

6 Sep 1981

I, Robert F. Bouch, do hereby wish to place my name in consideration for the position of member of the Interim Board of Elders of the Metropolitan Community Church of Pensacola. I have been a member of this church since 9 Sep 1979 and of the Board since it was elected last year, and feel I am qualified and know the needs of the church and would like to be a part of the chartering process which will take place within the next year. I have been a regular attendee and provide substantially to the financial needs as a tither. I feel these are 2 requirements for being a member of the board. I was this church's delegate to the bi-annual conference in Houston, Texas and feel I know what we need to do to charter and will help us meet this goal.



September 8, 1981

Nominating Committee
Metropolitan Community Church of Pensacola

By this letter I would like to submit my name for another term as a member of the interm board of directors. My qualifications for continuance in this post include 10 years of budgeting and financial experience as Treasurer and board member of the largest building materials dealer in Pensacola, incorporator of both a non-profit and a profit seeking corporation, and am currently general manager of a non-profit agency that counsels people with financial problems.

If our Lord continues to bless us with growth, both in numbers and in finances, we will probably incorporate our church next year. I submit that a board member who has handled the incorporation of other entities would be useful in this process.

As I see it, a board member should be extremely active in the church and supportive of its functions. For several years, I have taken seriously the oath I gave upon joining this church to support it with my time, my talents, and my tithe.

In Christ's love, I remain,

Yours truly,

Ralph L Cahall

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The October 10, 1982 Congregational Meeting was called to order by Barbara Toller at 8:55 PM at MCC Pensacola, 904 E. Scott Street. Pensacola. Opening prayer was given by Betty Gray.

Clerk Betty Gray, called the roll. A quorm was established. 20 members present, XX 18 absent. (see attached). MXX Majority vote will be 11.

BARBARA TOLLER appointed Andy, Cleo and Iris to count the votes. These are non-members of MCC Pensacola.

A ruling was made about when the board would be elected again and challenged by Angel Palma. It was then brought to a vote of the congregation. Motion: Newly elected Board members will run until April 1983 unless MCC Pensacola charters in May of 1983, then election will be held in August 1983. Moved by Angel Palma, Second By Lisa XX Palma. Vote; For-9 Against-11 motion lost.

Nominations for the interim board were Casey Baker, Robert Bouch, Ralph Cahall, Micki Cordle, George Downing, Betty Gray, Larry Hauffe, Lou Stanfield, Lisa Palma(Later declined). Question and answer period followed. Written ballot was taken. The interim board was elected on the first ballot. New board will consist of Bob Bouch, Ralph Cahall, Micki Cordle, George Downing, Betty Gray. Ballots will be held until the next election. Each new board member signed for and received a key to the new church building. (see attached).

Barbara Toller turned the gavel over to Bob Bouch, Vice-Moderator so that a vote of confidence could be taken on the Worship Coordinator Barbara TollerXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX A hand vote was taken. For-18 Against 2 Obstentions 0.

Ralph Cahall discussed reasons for incorporation. Bob moved we incorporate MCC Pensacola as soon as possible. Second Lou Stanfield. Hand vote taken: Unamious. The name on the incorporation will be Metropolitan Community Church of Pensacola.

Angel Palma challanged the use of the downpayment of $5,000.00 from the savings account designated for the downpayment before a special meeting could be called to approve such a transaction. Challange was noted and a vote was taken at this time. Motion: That $5,000.00 be used from the building fund savings account to place the downpayment on the real estate located at 510 Mass. Pensacola, Fla. Moved by Frankie Toller Second Terry Douglas. Vote: For-16 Against-4 XXX Obstentions-0. Motion carried. (Explaination-monies used ahead of this vote in order to secure the property before someone else could take the property from us. also it was to close to call a meeting.) (XX A verbal response was taken during worship service on Oct. 3rd. This was accepted by those present).

Ralph Cahall explain how an additional $5,000.00 would have to be borrowed from X the 5 investors. This would be for the balance of the downpayment due by January 1983. Discussion was held. Motion: MCC Pensacola borrow $5,000.00 + from the 5 investors (Bob Bouch, Ralph Cahall, Micki Cordle, George Downing, Betty Gray), with a note to be signed. XXXXX Motion by Lou Stanfield Second by Terry Douglas. Vote: For-18 Against-0 Obstentions-2. Motion carried.

Election of Lay Delegate and alternate-canadates were Bob Bouch and Frankie Toller. Written ballot. Bob Bouch was X elected Delegate and Frankie Toller alternate.

Ralph Cahall was called upon to discuss the proposed 1982-83 budget. During the discussion of Worship Coordinators salary the Worship Coordinator and spouse left the room. WC and spouse were in for the balance of budget. Motion was made by Debbie Garner

to accept the propsed budget for 1982-83 as presented. Second-Frankie Toller. Vote: For-18 Against-1 Obstention-1. The propsed budget was accepted. (See Attached).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Round-up work dates and times. Urged for all to help. You do not need to be a member to help with this project.

Membership classes- October 24, 1982 at the new church 510 Mass. time: 5:30PM.

Closing prayer was given by Terry Douglas. Meeting adjourned 10:15 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Barbara I Toller

Barbara I. Toller, Worship Coordinator
MCC Pensacola

CONGREGATION MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 1982
ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

MEMBER	HAND OUT	MAILED	PRESENT	ABSENT	
1. CATHY ATKINSON		9/26		✓	
2. LIZ BLAMEUSER	9/26		✓		7/18
3. CASANDRA BAKER	9/26			✓	
4. PATTY JO BARNEY		9/26		✓	
5. CHARLES BOLEY	9/26		✓		
6. ROBERT F. BOUCH	9/26		✓		
7. SAM BROWN	9/26		✓		
8. RALPH CAHALL	9/26		✓		
9. BRENDA CLAYTON	9/26		✓		
10. DEBBIE CLINARD		9/26		✓	
11. DOTTIE COOK		9/26		✓	
12. MICKI CORDLE	9/26		✓		
13. JOE.A. DAVISON	9/26		✓		
14. TERRY DOUGLAS	9/26		✓		
15. GEORGE DOWNING	9/26		✓		
16. DEBORAH J. DRURY		9/26		✓	7/18
17. LORETTA DUNN		9/26		✓	
18. TINA FLEISHMAN		9/23		✓	7/18
19. DEBBIE GARNER	9/26		✓		
20. LISA P. [redacted] Palma		9/26	✓		
21. BETTY GRAY	9/26		✓		
22. MARYANNE HAPPLE		9/26		✓	
23. LARRY HAUFFE	9/26		✓	[redacted]	
24. DEBORAH KAY HICKS		9/26		✓	
25. SANDRA LANGE	9/26			✓	
26. ROY A, MITCHELL		9/26		✓	
27. DIANE NASO	9/26		✓		7/
28. VAN NEEL		9/26		✓	
29. ANGEL PALMA		9/26	✓		
30. GRADY PAULK		9/26		✓	
31. LILA PICKERING		9/26	[redacted]	✓	
32. LAURIE POOL	9/26		✓		
33. ELAINE M. PRITCHARD		9/26 Not Sent		✓	7/18
34. GREG SHEETS	9/26		✓		
35. LOUIS STANFIELD		9/23	✓		
36. B.J. TASSILL		9/23		✓	7/18
37. FRANKIE TOLLER	9/26		✓		
38. MARY KAY WHORTON		9/26 Returned		✓	

QUORUM: .760 (8) MEMBERS PRESENT: 20

KEYS TO MCC PENSACOLA

WE THE UNDERSIGNED ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KEYS TO MCC PENSACOLA LOCATED AT 510 MASSACHUSETTS, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA. THESE KEYS ARE NOT TO BE GIVEN TO UNAUTHORIZED PEOPLE. A BOARD MEMBER WILL BE PRESENT WHENEVER THE CHURCH MEETING PLACE IS OPENED. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A BOARD MEMBER A STAFF PERSON CAN TAKE THEIR PLACE. NO OTHER KEYS WILL BE GIVEN OUT.

1.	Robert L Bouch ROBERT L. BOUCH	OCTOBER 10, 1982
2.	Ralph L Cahall RALPH CAHALL	OCTOBER 10, 1982
3.	Lorraine Cordle (Micki) LORRAINE CORDLE (MICKI)	~~NEXT~~ OCTOBER 10, 1982
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5.	Betty L Gray BETTY L. GRAY	OCTOBER 10, 1982
6.	Barbara I Toller BARBARA I. TOLLER	OCTOBER 10, 1982
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IF A BACKER TO THE CHURCH PROPERTY IS NOT ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THEN THEY WILL ALSO SIGN FOR A KEY. THE SAME CONDITIONS WILL APPLY TO THEM AS TO THE BOARD MEMBERS.

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3.		
4.		
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APPROVED BUDGET FOR MCC PENSACOLA

OCT. 1, 1982 to SEPT. 30, 1983

1.	TITHES	$ 146.00
2.	PASTORS SALARY	600.00 *
3.	MORTGAGE PAYMENTS	498.89 **
4.	TELEPHONE	60.00
5.	UTILITIES AND INSURANCE	150.00
6.	BULLETINS AND PRINTING	12.00
7.	SUPPLIES, ALTER AND OFFICE	15.00
8.	SANDSCRIPT	20.00
9.	PASTORS MEDICAL INSURANCE	40.00
10.	DEACONS FUND	5.00
11.	PIANIST	20.00
		$ 1,566.00
		- 200.00 rental income
		1,366.00

* PASTORS SALARY: CURRENTLY RECEIVING AN AVERAGE OF 577.81 PER MONTH, WHICH EQUALY 127.77 PER WEEK. SALARY WILL REMAIN AT 127.77 PER WEEK TILL BUDGET IS BEING MET FAIRLY REGULARLY, THEN 138.46 PER WEEK.

** THERE WILL BE AN INCOME OF 200.00 PER MONTH THAT WILL HELP TO OFFSET THIS MONTHLY PAYMENT. THIS WILL BE FROM RENTAL OF BUILDING ON PROPERTY.

BUDGET APPROVED 10-10-82

VOTE: FOR 18
AGANIST 1
OBSTENTION 1

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Barbara opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of February 7 were approved with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Ralph reported that

Ending balance in checking for February was	- $61.08
Ending balance in savings for February was	$631.13
Ending balance in Building Fund was	+$958.81
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Ralph handed out the financial statements for the month of November, 1981.

Balance in checking account ending November was	$187.08
Balance in Savings ending for November was	$427.22
For a total assests of	$614.30

Ralph also stated that we did reach our $1000 budget, we even surpassed it. However, November did have five Sundays in the month.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Barbara reported that she had attended a meeting of the Interfaith Council, and that Rev. Heck had sponsored MCC to become members. Also she had received her Notary's license.

NO OTHER STAFF REPORTS

COMMITTEES

Scott Gray addressed the board concerning the need for $50 for the Christmas Dinner. Bob asked Scott had he not received enough contributions? If so, he would not need the $50. Scott said he had received some contributions, but not enough.

Barbara asked the board if they had asked congregation members at random if they were "for" or "against" giving the money.

Betty said that the ones she spoke with were opposed and prefered to return to the Pot-Luck dinners.

Bob said that the ones he spoke to were basically against

Ralph stated that most of the people he had spoken to felt that the money that was contributed to the church was for the work of the Church, and not for parties.

Barbara asked the congregation present their feelings:

Several were "for", 1 "against", and 1 felt that we should give a limited amount.

A Lengthy discussion followed and Ralph motioned that the Board contribute $20 towards the Christmas dinner. Bob 2nd the motion. The Motion carried.

ASSIST. LAY DELEGATE, Scott Stetson as permission from the Board to work up a survey about the church and present at 1st meeting in January. He would have a survey to fill out, no names, just to see what the people of the church like/dislike, etc. Ralph wanted to know how he will keep for getting duplicates, without using people's names. Scott said that when the people turn in their sheets, he will write down their names on a sheet of paper. The Board was infavor, and permission was granted.

SANDSCRIPT

The Board felt that there should be a committee to gather input to put in the Sandscript. Gregg stated that there hasn't been alot of input, and it seemed that no one cared. Barbara asked Gregg if there was any way that he could possibly reconsider, and remain the editor of the Sandscript. Gregg said no that he was changing jobs, and it would be impossible. Scott Gray said that he would volunteer as the new editor, and Jim said that he would be glad to help no matter who the new editor would be. The Board decided to delay taking any action, and decided to make a decision at a later date.

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